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MP inaugurates remodelled Ashokapuram Railway Station

Four MEMU trains, Cauvery Express and Malgudi Express, will now originate from Ashokapuram

The remodelled yard of the Ashokapuram Railway Station that has been completed at a cost of Rs. 32.5 crore. Picture right shows Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha with MLA T.S. Srivatsa, former Mayor Shivakumar, SWR Mysuru Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Shilpi Agarwal, ADRMs Vijaya and Vinay Nayak and others.

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (RK&BCT)- The fully remodelled yard of the Ashokapuram Railway Station, undertaken by the South Western Railway (SWR) at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.5 crore (excluding the additional expenses of Rs. 7.24 crore) was inaugurated by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha this morning.

With the remodelling and transformation, Ashokapuram Railway Station, situated just 5.2 km away from City Railway Station, has emerged as a vital secondary terminal for Mysuru.

Initially equipped with three platforms, three operational tracks and two stabling lines, the station has undergone substantial development. Through extensive redevelopment efforts, Ashokapuram Station has expanded its primary infrastructure and now boasts five operational tracks, five platforms and two stabling lines, said a note from the SWR.

The redevelopment of this significant station has been executed at a total cost of Rs. 32.5 crore. Of this amount, Rs. 22 crore was utilised to enhance transportation facilities, while Rs. 10.5 crore has been allocated to improve passenger amenities.

The construction of Platform No. 6, equipped with full-length platforms such as PF No. 4 and PF No. 5, approved for Rs. 7.24 crore, significantly enhances customer satisfaction by providing additional facilities.

(See RAILWAY on page 6)

31 health centres in Mysuru to treat snake bite cases

32 snake bite cases reported in district between January and February, 2024

Bengaluru / Mysuru, Mar. 4 (RK&KS)- In an effort to deliver prompt treatment and administer anti-venom injections for snake bite incidents, Health & Family Welfare Department has designated all Taluk and District Hospitals, along with selected Community Health Centres (CHCs) across the State, as snake bite treatment centres.

A notification from the Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Services has outlined guidelines for the management of snake bite cases at all levels of healthcare. This decision comes after the Government declared snake bites as a notifiable disease.

[Source: Internet]

ASHA workers have been tasked with counselling patients and their attendants, ensuring their swift transportation to the nearest health facility. Meanwhile, Health Workers at sub-centres are responsible for administering first-aid and notifying the Primary Health Centre (PHC) Medical Officer to facilitate immediate treatment.

All District Health Officers, District Surveillance Officers, and Taluk Health Officers have been instructed to conduct training sessions for Specialists, Medical Officers and Health Workers within their respective districts on snake bite prevention and management. Furthermore, they are mandated to regularly update snake bite cases and related fatalities on the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP) portal.

(See CENTRES on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 4th March 2024

UoM Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Mar. 4- **Sameena Banu** has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Digital Practices and its Impact on MSMEs in Karnataka - A Study' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.H. Suresh.

D.S. Asha has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM, Mysuru, for her thesis 'Navodaya Kavanagalalli Panchabuthagala Parikalpane (Da.Ra. Bendre, Pu.Ti.Na, G.S.S. Kavanagalannu Anulakshisi)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Vishwanatha].

K.M. Jyothi has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM, Mysuru, for her thesis 'K.C. Shivappa avara Sahitya' [Guide: Dr. M. Ramakrishna].

M.D. Veeranna has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM, Mysuru, for his thesis 'Soligara Sahitya Mattu Kale' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Akkamahadevi.

S. Maridevaiah has been awarded Ph.D in Co-operation by the UoM, Mysuru, for his thesis 'Performance of Sugar Co-operatives in Karnataka: A Case Study of Mandya District' [Guide: Dr. S. Mahendrakumar].

M. Lokesh has been awarded Ph.D in Anthropology by the UoM, Mysuru, for his thesis 'A Study on Socio-Economic Change and Challenges Among the Tribal Population of Chamarajanagara District, Karnataka' [Guide: Dr. M.R. Gangadhar.

P. Balagangadhara Tilak has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM, Mysuru, for his thesis 'Kannada Chalanachithra Rangakke Mandya Jilleya Koduge' [Guide: Dr. R.C. Devaraju].

D.C. Prathap has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM, Mysuru, for his thesis 'Navyotara Kathasahityadalli Krushi Mattu Gramajeevana' [Guide: Dr. R.C. Devaraju].

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

One of the reasons attributed to the breach in Parliament security in December last year is the large-scale vacancies in the security setup, leading to certain posts functioning with skeletal strength. While this might have been an ongoing issue, the breach brought the deficiency into national focus. Nothing could be more serious than compromising the security of such an important building known as the citadel of democracy. On the day of the breach, only 175 security personnel were on duty, against the usual 301. The absence of such a large number of personnel is bound to impact the security of the Parliament.

It is rather ironic that while the youth are clamouring for jobs in the government sector, large-scale vacancies exist in almost all government departments, adversely affecting efficiency. Due to a lack of jobs within the country, the youth are turning in large numbers to work in war-torn Israel, risking their lives. To achieve zero vacancies, the recruitment process needs to be streamlined by taking timely action and filling up all posts soon after vacancies arise. When existing staff is burdened with additional work due to a shortage of manpower, it would be preposterous to expect top efficiency from them.

— M.P. Nathanael in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Vasectomy instead of gallbladder surgery

Cordoba: An Argentinian man got the shock of his life after undergoing what he thought was surgery on his gallbladder, only to later learn that the doctors had performed a vasectomy instead.

41-year-old Jorge Baseto went to the Florencio Díaz Provincial Hospital in Cordoba, Argentina, for a gallbladder surgery. The operation was scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, but due to circumstances out of his control, Jorge's procedure was postponed to Wednesday. That is apparently the small detail that caused a viral malpractice scandal that has engulfed the whole country. On the day of the surgery, hospital staff came into the patient's room, laid him on a stretcher, and without asking him a single thing or even checking his chart, they took him to the operating room. The doctors didn't bother checking his chart either, so they just performed the type of surgery they had scheduled for the day, vasectomy.

Makeup artist renders people unrecognisable

Beijing: A Chinese makeup artist known as Tuzi (Rabbit) has been getting a lot of attention on social media for her ability to completely transform her clients to the point where they are impossible to recognise.

Tuzi runs the Starlight Rabbit Portrait Studio in Yunan Province, but she gets most of her clientele from social media, where she regularly posts clips of impressive makeup transformations, where she either makes her subjects look decades younger than they actually are, turns them into heroes of Wuxia tales, or simply makes them unrecognisable.

Over the years, she has had collaborations with fellow influencers and celebrities, including celebrities, actors, and singers.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Symptoms of Gastrointestinal cancers can vary depending on the specific location of cancer, but may include unexplained weight loss, abdominal pain or discomfort, changes in bowel habits, blood in stool, difficulty in swallowing, jaundice and persistant indigestion/bloating.

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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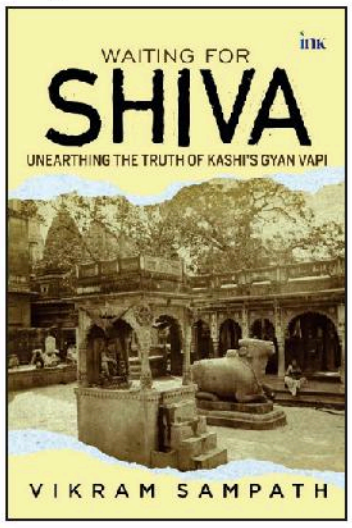
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Dr. Vikram Sampath's book launch at Sri Ganapathy Ashram

Mysuru, Mar. 4- Bengaluru-based historian Dr. Vikram Sampath's latest book 'Waiting for Shiva: Unearthing the truth of Kashi's Gyan Vapi' will be released by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji at Nada Mantapa, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Datta Nagar, Mysuru, at 11.30 am on Mar. 6. For details, contact Mob: 94483-90946.

Dr. Vikram Sampath



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KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Last year's level **105.38 feet**	Last year's level **2,266.70feet**	Last year's level **2,828.04 feet**
Yesterday's level **89.90 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,269.74 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,830.61 feet**
Today's Inflow **226 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **80 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **189 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **749 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Mayans cultivated stingless bees in Central America for thousands of years. They were regarded as sacred and treated as pets with hives hung in and around homes. Some hives have been recorded as lasting over 80 years, being passed down through generations.*
- *Spiked dog collars were invented in ancient Greece and were originally designed to protect the dogs throat from wolf attacks.*
- *The ancient Aztecs and Incas invented peanut butter.*
- *Marie Curie, the famous Nobel prize-winning physicist's notebook still can not be handled safely as it is still radioactive.*
- *The earliest irrigation dam was built in Saurashtra.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Customer: *Show me a good hanger.*
Salesman: *Here, it will cost eight rupees a piece.*
Customer: *That's too expensive. Show me something cheap.*
Salesman: *Yes, this nail, this will cost you only 50 paise.*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 82.89**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 104.98**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 22.57**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 89.89**

VOICE OF THE READER

Replace pavement tiles

Sir,

Sahukar Channaiah Road in Saraswathipuram boasts a beautiful pathway adorned with a well-maintained paved sidewalk, complete with railings, stretching from the Police Station to a Supermarket.

As a senior citizen, I thoroughly enjoy taking walks along this route. However, approximately two months ago, a portion of the pavement tiles were removed for civic work, and they are yet to be replaced.

I urge the authorities concerned to expedite the process of replacing these tiles to ensure the walkability of this stretch at the earliest convenience.

—Saraswathy Ramakrishnan on e-mail

Mysuru
20.2.2024

Hundreds join Walkathon on World Hearing Day

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (KS)- All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), in association with JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing (JSSISH) and the Mysuru Chapter of Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA), had organised a walkathon as part of World Hearing Day in city yesterday.

Over 300 participants including students and staff members of AIISH and JSSISH took part in the walkathon which was flagged off by AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace.

The walkathon served as a reminder of hearing health's crucial role in our lives and also to highlight hearing-related issues for the public, including hearing loss and the adverse effects of noise pollution.

World Hearing Day, celebrated annually on Mar. 3, serves as a platform to amplify WHO's advocacy efforts and mobilise stakeholders worldwide towards achieving the shared goal of a world where everyone enjoys optimal auditory health and well-being.

The walkathon aspired to achieve many objectives which includes to dispel misconceptions and foster a realistic understanding of hearing-related issues, thereby empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their hearing health; it highlights the pressing need for preventive measures and sound conservation practices in the face of rising noise pollution, which poses a significant threat to auditory well-being, to amplify the voices of those affected by hearing loss, advocating for inclusivity, accessibility and equitable opportunities for all members of society.

Such an initiative is emphasised by the staggering prevalence of hearing loss globally, affecting millions of individuals across the globe.

Apart from walkathon, AIISH had organised several other activities, such as street plays in villages to create awareness among the rural population and hearing screening for over 1,200 school children.

ICAI Mysuru's Study Circle Meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 4- ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) - Mysuru Branch (Southern India Regional Council/ SIRC) is organising a Study Circle Meeting tomorrow (Mar. 5) at 6.30 pm at Rotary Centre, JLB Road, in city to discuss implication of Income Tax amendment relating to delayed payments to Micro & Small entities. This would help businesses understand the amendment and implement systems to prevent non-compliance. The meeting would involve deliberation by Chartered Accountants. Public may attend the programme and get their doubts on the matter clarified.

For pre-registration, contact the Branch Administrator on Mob: +91-82125-98000.

Sports for women on Mar. 5

Mysuru, Mar. 4- Various sports competitions have been organised at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Mar. 5 to commemorate the International Women's Day celebrations.

Sporting events like Shoot-in-the-Basket (Basketball), Dribbling Race (Basketball), Penalty Shoot (Hockey), Musical Chair, Throwball, Tug-of-War, Athletics (100 m, 400 m running race, Shot-Put and Long-Jump), Basketball, Handball, Cricket and Volleyball will be held on that day. Winners will be given medals and certificates.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2546179, says a press release from Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) Asst. Director Bhaskar Nayak.

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CSRTI hands over two technologies for commercialisation at Bharat Tex Expo

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (BCT)- The Mysuru-based Central Sericultural Research and Training Institute (CSRTI) has achieved a significant milestone by developing two cutting-edge technologies, which were recently handed over for commercialisation. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formalised between CSRTI and the Central Silk Board (CSB) during the Bharat Tex Expo 2024 held in New Delhi.

In a statement released by CSRTI in Mysuru, it was announced that the commercialisation rights for two innovative technologies developed by the institute have been transferred to entrepreneurs. CSRTI Director, Gandhi Doss, facilitated the handover to the respective entrepreneurs who acquired them.

The technologies include the extraction of Chitin/ Chitosan from sericulture waste, pioneered by a team led by CSRTI scientist K.N. Madhusudan, and Mr. Pro, a solid bioformulation for managing root rot, developed by a team headed by scientist G.S. Arunakumar.

Present during the exchange of MoU were P. Sivakumar, Member-Secretary and CEO of CSB, Bengaluru and S. Mathira Moorthy, Director (Tech) of CSB.

Representatives from Azymus Life Sciences Ltd., Chamarajanagar and Rainbow Agrotech Pvt. Ltd., Kadapa, who acquired the technologies pertaining to Chitin/Chitosan extraction and Mr. Pro respectively, were also in attendance.

The MoU signing ceremony, held on Feb. 28, 2024, where Union Minister of State for Textiles Darshana Vikram Jardosh was the chief guest. Other distinguished guests included Rachana Shah, Secretary to the Government of India for Textiles, and Prajyakta L. Verma, Joint Secretary to the Ministry of Textiles (Natural Fibers).

Three killed in separate accidents on Expressway, KRS Road

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi and ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa inspecting the accident spot near Siddalingapura on Expressway.

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (SBD&KS)- In separate accidents, three persons including a student were killed on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway near Siddalingapura and on KRS Road in city. The accidents took place on late Saturday night and yesterday morning.

In the first case, Ramesh (48), a security guard at Sarathi Family Dhaba near Siddalingapura, was killed on the spot, when a car coming from Bengaluru side, rammed into him when he was crossing the Expressway yesterday morning.

It is learnt that someone had cut the wire mesh installed along the Expressway and Ramesh, who had sneaked from the opening had gone to a tea stall and was returning when the accident took place, Police said.

The body was shifted to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

Narasimharaja (NR) Traffic Inspector Rekhabai, said that a case has been registered and the car has been seized.

In the second incident, a student and a plumber were killed when the bike they were riding hit the road divider and rammed into an electric pole near the District Hospital on KRS Road at about 11 pm on Saturday.

The deceased are Sachin (16) and Janardhan (25), both residents of B.M. Sri Nagar in city.

Sachin and Janardhan were proceeding on a Yamaha bike from Royal Inn Junction on KRS Road towards B.M. Sri Nagar and when they were riding near the District Hospital, the person riding the bike lost control of the two-wheeler, which hit the road divider and rammed into an electric pole causing serious injuries to both of them. Though both were admitted to a hospital, they are said to have succumbed to injuries.

VV Puram Traffic Sub-Inspector Banu said that a case has been registered and further action has been initiated. Janardhan was riding the bike with Sachin riding pillion and both were neighbours. Both of them were not wearing helmets which resulted in both sustaining serious head injuries, Police sources said and added that if the riders had worn helmets, their lives may have been saved.

Car gutted after hitting electric pole in city

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (RK,SBD&KS)- A car caught fire and was completely gutted after hitting an electric pole in an accident that occurred on Dattagalli Outer Ring Road on the outskirts of city yesterday morning.

The occupants of the car, Chandru and Neha, residents of Kanakadasanagar had a miraculous escape with minor injuries, and were later rushed to a hospital for treatment.

At about 11 am yesterday, Chandru and Neha were proceeding in their Honda City car (KA-33-N-0808) towards Dattagalli. One of the tyres of the car burst near Sa.Ra. Convention Hall, and Chandru in a bid to bring the car under control applied the hand brake resulting in the car running over the divider in a reverse direction and hit the electric pole before coming to a halt.

Passersby immediately rushed to their rescue and shifted Chandru and Neha to a hospital. Soon, the went up in flames and in a few minutes fire engulfed the car. The electric pole was also damaged in the accident.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, ACP (Traffic) Parashuramappa and staff visited the accident spot.

KR Traffic Police Inspector Mohammed Irshad, Sub-Inspector Ashwini and staff Nagaraj, Bhajantri Eshappa Ravi and others made way for smooth flow of traffic.

A case has been registered at KR Traffic Police Station.

Postal workers demand cashless treatment at all Multi-speciality Hospitals

Postal Department employees at the 40th Biennial conference of the All India Postal Employees Association (Postman and MTS) organised at a private Hotel in the city.

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (GA&DM)- Postal Department employees have urged the Centre to facilitate cashless treatment at all Multi-speciality and private Hospitals under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS).

A resolution to this effect was passed at the 40th Biennial conference of the All India Postal Employees Association (Postman and MTS) organised at a private Hotel here yesterday.

Pointing out that at present, the Postal employees have to first visit CGHS and get reference from it for treatment elsewhere, the Association members said that this practice must stop.

The Conference also resolved to hold a state-level conference at Mysuru and to ensure the participation of at least a thousand representatives. The Association's new office-bearers were elected for a 2-year term and as many as 15 other Executive Committee members were also elected.

Addressing the conference, the newly elected Mysuru Divisional Secretary and Zonal working President H. Sundaraiah said that the Association has strived for getting women employees due benefits. Regretting that some employees seem to be showing disinterest in organisational activities, he said that the Association is necessary to avail benefits.

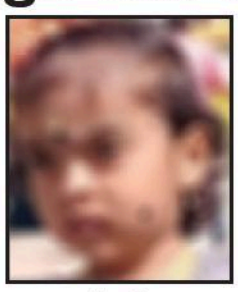
Mysuru divisional representative Baby Joseph said that the Association was strong in the country and as such there is no need for any support from others. He took potshots at some organisations which claimed that they played a major role in getting half a day holiday for attending the conference.

The Association Vice-President Syed Jameel, former President H.G. Raju, former Secretaries H.S. Nagaraj and G.Guruswamy were honoured on the occasion.

The Association Treasurer M.N. Giridhar, former Secretary Mutthukumar and others were present.

Woman kills daughters, hangs self later

Jyothi



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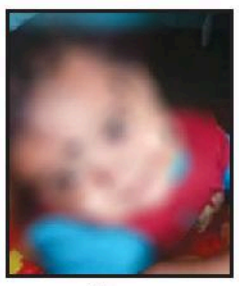

Manasa

Gundlupet, Mar. 4- A woman, committed suicide by hanging self after allegedly killing her daughters, at Horeyala village near Begur in Gundlupet taluk yesterday evening.

The deceased are Jyothi (29), wife of Yogesh and her daughters Bandavya (7) and Manasa (3). Jyothi first hanged her daughters and later hanged herself when her family members were away, according to a preliminary report.

The incident came to light when Yogesh, who had gone out returned home at about 5 pm yesterday.

Chamarajanagar SP Padmini Sahoo, Begur Circle Inspector Vanaraju, Sub-Inspector Somashekar and staff visited the spot and conducted inspection.

According to the complaint, Jyothi was said to be suffering from illness following which she was depressed and hence she may have taken the extreme step.

A case has been registered at Begur Police Station.

22nd Edition of Geeth Gaatha Chal

Musical nite by doctors captivates audience

The 22nd edition of Geeth Gaatha Chal-22 musical nite was a grand success at Kalamandira in city last evening. Mysore Royal Family Member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, industrialist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, Founder-Editor of** Star of Mysore **and** Mysuru Mithra **Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Geet Gaatha Chal Founder Dr. Umesh Kamath, industrialist Sam Cherian, C. D. Sreenivasa Murthy, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Dr. M.S. Natashekar and others were present.

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MK & BS)- Geeth Gaatha Chal-22, the annual musical extravaganza, transformed into a delightful Sunday outing at Kalamandira last evening.

The classic hit songs from Kannada and Hindi films were elegantly performed by a group of doctors, captivating the audience with their musical prowess.

Dr. Preethi Prakash Prabhu commenced the event with an invocation, seeking the blessings of Lord Ganapathi, setting the stage for an uninterrupted series of musical performances. The doctors showcased their remarkable musical talent, effortlessly transitioning into the roles of professional singers and demonstrating their deep passion for music with finesse.

The musical evening formally unfolded with Dr. Sushma paying a perfect tribute with her Bharatanatyam performance to Tulsidas' 'Sri Ramachandra Krupalu Bhajamana'.

Dr. M.S. Natashekar mesmerised the audience by recreating the enchanting melody of the classic hit song *"Apara Keerthi Galisi Mereda Bhavya Nadidu..."* (written by R.N. Jayagopal and sung by P.B. Srinivas), celebrating the beauty of the Kannada language and its land.

Dr. P.A. Kushalappa entertained the gathering with a soulful rendition of *"Hoshwalon Ko..."* from the popular Hindi film *'Sarfarosh'*. Additionally, the romantic ballad *"Cheluveya Nota Chenna..."* from the iconic Dr. Rajkumar starrer *'Shankar Guru'*, rendered in the magical voice of Dr. Ganesh Rao, added a touch of cupid's charm to the event.

Dr. Somnath Vasudev sang *'Kohi Hamdum Na Raha...'* from *'Jhumroo'* while Dr. Snehasri sang *'Bellane Belagayithu...'* from 1967 Kannada film Sangolli Rayanna and Dr. Sushma rendered *'Bole Re Papi...'* from the movie *'Guddi'*.

Nadabrahma Dhanvantari Award for Dr. Kushalappa

Dr. Kushalappa, who has been successfully organising the event for the last seven years, was conferred 'Nadabrahma Dhanvantari' award on the occasion. Industrialist Sam Cherian presented the award.

Dr. Natashekar and Dr. Apoorva Natashekar sang a duet *'Isharo Isharo Mein...'* from *'Kashmir Ki Kali'*, followed by Dr. Amrutha who sang *'Na Jiya Lage Na'* from *'Anand'* and Dr. Preethi sang *'Jago Mohan Pyare...'* from the movie *'Jagte Raho'*. Roopika Vikram Muthanna, who was invited as a special singer, sang the heart-touching *'My Heart Will Go On...'* from Hollywood film *'Titanic'* originally sung by Canadian singer Celine Dion.

Several other songs received thunderous applause from the audience, including *"Poojisalende Hoogala Thande..."* from the film *'Eradu Kanasu'*, beautifully rendered by singer Varsha. The rendition of *"Endendu Ninnanu Marethu..."* (originally sung by P. B. Sreenivas & Vani Jayaram) from the same film also garnered immense appreciation.

In addition, the rendition of *"Chura Ke Dil Mera"* from the movie *'Main Khiladi Tu Anari'* by Dr. U.G. Shenoy and Dr. Sparsha Shenoy captivated the audience, adding to the enchanting musical experience.

Member of the erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, who was the chief guest, said, "It is indeed a matter of pride that 'Geeth Gaatha Chal' is being organised successfully for the past 22 years. I am also eager to hear the songs and wish that the event maintains the tempo for several years down the line."

Industrialist and patron of the event Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy said, "Whoever I meet outside asks about Geeth Gaatha Chal and its schedule. The credit of making the event a success goes to the team of Dr. Umesh Kamath, Dr. Kushalappa, Dr. Ganesh Rao and Dr. Natashekar."

Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, entrepreneur Kusuma Shenoy, Geeth Gaatha Chal Founder Dr. Umesh Kamath, Dr. C. D. Sreenivasa Murthy, master of ceremony Syed Aftab Ahmed, Dr. Roopa Prakash and others were present.

Dr. P.A. Kushalappa and Dr. R.L. Varsha singing a duet.

Dr. Sushma and troupe presenting a Bharatanatyam performance at the event.

'Hamsa' ladies hostel opens at Postal Training Centre

Pakistan Zindabad slogan, cafe blast prove Congress is soft on terrorism: Prathap Simha

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha unveiling the plaque during the inauguration of 'Hamsa' ladies hostel** (pic. right) **on the premises of Postal Training Centre in Nazarbad this morning as Postal Training Centre officials look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (BLU&DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha inaugurated the newly constructed ladies hostel named 'Hamsa' at the Postal Training Centre (PTC) in Nazarbad this morning.

Addressing the gathering, Simha highlighted that this hostel marks a significant milestone as it is the first and only women's hostel within PTCs across the country, providing accommodation for up to 100 trainees in 36 rooms.

The 'Hamsa' ladies hostel was constructed at a cost of Rs. 4.27 crore, covering an area of 906 square metres within the PTC Mysuru campus.

He noted that the foundation stone for the Hamsa hostel was laid by Manoj Sinha, the then Minister of State for Communications and Minister of State for Railways, on Nov. 30, 2017. Additionally, Simha emphasised that PTC Mysuru serves the training needs of Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh.

The MP also mentioned the notable contributions of PTC Mysuru, including the development and release of a software for counter operations in post offices in 1998.

Furthermore, he highlighted the development of a modified version of the software, 'Meghdoot Millennium', by the software development centre of PTC Mysuru in the year 2000. The PTC Mysuru celebrated its Golden Jubilee in April 2015, commemorating 50 years of service.

PTC Mysuru Director Dr. Ashish Singh Thakur, Deputy Director K.V.L. Murthy, Director, Postal Services (South Karnataka Region), Bengaluru, T.S. Aswathanarayana and other dignitaries were also present at the event.

Pro-Pakistan slogan

Speaking to presspersons Prathap Simha made strong remarks regarding the recent 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogan allegedly raised in the Vidhana Soudha.

He accused the ruling Congress of running a Government akin to the 'Taliban' regime. Simha argued that several incidents have occurred which draw parallels between the State Government and a 'Taliban-led' administration.

Referring to the recent bomb blast at a café in Bengaluru, which shook the State capital, the MP recalled past incidents of serial blasts in cities like Bengaluru, Pune, Mumbai, Delhi and Surat during Manmohan Singh's tenure as Prime Minister.

He asserted that the recent café blast in Bengaluru was just a precursor, implying that more such incidents could follow due to what he perceives as the Congress Government's leniency towards terrorism. Simha demanded an impartial and comprehensive investigation into both the pro-Pak slogan controversy and the café blast case.

Soft on terrorism

Accusing the State Government of attempting to downplay the pro-Pakistan slogan incident, he strongly criticised the Government for dismissing the FSL report circulating on social media as distorted. He lambasted Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for shielding the culprits and cautioned that Karnataka might witness more terror attacks if decisive action is not taken against them.

He urged the CM to uphold his promises of not being soft on terr orism and to crack down on anti-national elements firmly. Regarding the upcoming Lok Sabha polls, Prathap Simha stated that the BJP-JD(S) coalition is determined to secure victory in all 28 seats in the State. He urged voters to reject the Congress and instead support coalition candidates to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership further.

MP inaugurates remodelled Ashokapuram Railway Station

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200-year plan

Inaugurating the renovated Ashokapuram Station, Prathap Simha remarked that when he assumed office as the MP in 2014, the station resembled a 'scrap yard'. "This once-forgotten station has now undergone redevelopment and proudly stands as the second Railway Station. We have plans to introduce an additional line here and two escalators and are working towards converting it under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, with an additional investment of Rs. 40 crore," stated the MP.

"Four MEMU trains, Cauvery Express and Malgudi Express will now originate from Ashokapuram Station. Furthermore, the Tirupati Express from Chamarajanagar will halt at Ashokapuram Station, with a proposal already submitted to the Railway Board. Additionally, initiatives have been launched to expand the Mysuru City Railway Station, with an estimated cost of Rs. 356 crore. These developments align with Mysuru's vision for the next 200 years," he elaborated.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of South Western Railway, Mysuru Division, Shilpi Agarwal, ADRMs Vijaya and Vinay Nayak and others were present.

Connectivity to Chamarajanagar

The development activities include establishment of connectivity to routes 4 and 5 towards Chamarajanagar, creation of a full-length stabling line (Track 7), addition of two new platforms, PF No. 4 & PF No. 5, establishment of the second entry building towards Pampapathi Road, extension of the Foot Over Bridge (FOB) to ensure easy access to Entry-1 and Entry-2, installation of facilities for water filling for coaches at Platforms 4 and 5 and 6 and 7 and provision of facilities for two-wheelers and four-wheelers at the new second entry point.

These improvements will effectively alleviate congestion at Mysuru City Railway Station and the upgrades will facilitate redirection of passenger traffic. Additional platforms, new secondary entrances and expanded parking facilities are poised to accommodate the expected surge in passenger numbers.

Benefits of renovated Ashokapuram Station Yard

The combined total of 11 platforms at both stations (City and Ashokapuram) facilitates efficient Railway operations management, serving as the secondary terminal at Mysore Yard, thus easing congestion for passengers.

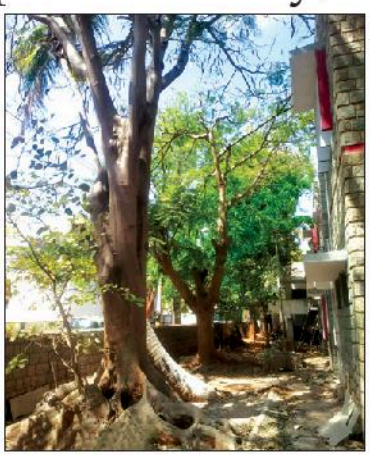
With added amenities, Ashokapuram is set to introduce new rail services and support the expansion of trains from Bengaluru to Mysuru, thereby enhancing connectivity.

The convenient access provided through the second entrance supports ongoing development efforts in the Ashokapuram vicinity, offering ease and accessibility.

A major milestone in the modernisation and expansion, bridging the gap for passengers travelling in the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar section.

MGP urges Forest Department to stall cutting of over 25 trees

All trees standing in precarious condition threatening public safety, clarifies ACF



Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MTY&BCT)- The Forest Department's decision to authorise the cutting of certain old and fully-grown trees across various areas of the city has sparked outrage among environmental activists and the Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP).

They are raising concerns about whether the Department conducted a thorough examination of the trees to ascertain their age and whether they pose any imminent threat to public safety.

Critics are questioning the rationale behind the move, emphasising the need for transparency and accountability in decisions regarding Mysuru city's green spaces. They advocate for a comprehensive assessment process that considers not only the age of the trees but also their ecological significance and potential alternatives to cutting them down.

As per the notification from the Forest Department, more than 25 trees of various species including Neem, Teak, Nilgiri, Ashoka, Honge, Gulmohar, Raintree, Mango and Peltophorum pterocarpum (commonly known as yellow-flame) are slated for removal.

The designated areas for tree cutting are in locations such as the Mysuru South Police Station premises, R.M.D. Layout in Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, behind the Head Post Office in Saraswathipuram and the PKTB Sanatorium premises situated on KRS Road.

An open auction held on 19.12.2023 aimed to address the removal of old and termite-infested trees, which pose a significant danger to public safety. In response to the auction, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. K.N. Basavaraju has assigned the task of tree removal to the winning bidders who participated in the auction and fulfilled their financial obligations by paying the bid amount and associated taxes.

The Forest Department has collected a revenue of Rs. 1,61,955 from the bidders as tree costs and the associated taxes.

Bhamy V. Shenoy from the MGP has expressed doubts regarding whether the Forest Department conducted the necessary investigations before granting permission to fell the trees. He stated, "Considering their track record, it is likely that permission was granted based on undisclosed influences. Without the presence of a Tree Authority, the public naturally harbours suspicions about the decisions made by well-intentioned forest officials."

The MGP has called upon the Forest Department to postpone the tree-cutting decision until they engage in additional efforts to seek public input. Shenoy emphasised the importance of inviting representatives from NGOs who have previously collaborated with the Department on tree planting and conservation efforts.

Forest Department clarifies

Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) Lakshmikantha informed *Star of Mysore* that thorough inspections of all the trees were conducted in November and December 2023 before the public auction. The inspections revealed that many trees were in a precarious condition with hollow trunks posing a significant risk.

"Occupants of nearby offices and public spaces have urged us to remove these trees over one-and-a-half-years back due to safety concerns," he explained. Consequently, after careful evaluation, it was determined that none of the trees were in a healthy condition, necessitating their removal. No healthy trees are being removed, he added.

31 health centres in Mysuru to treat snake bite

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31 health centres in Mysuru district

Mysuru District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy told *Star of Mysore* this morning that anti-venom injections for treating snake bites were previously administered exclusively at K.R. Hospital and the District Health Hospital.

In light of the notification issued by the Commissionerate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Dr. Kumaraswamy informed that 31 health centres, including 16 Primary Health Centres (PHCs), six Taluk General Hospitals located in T. Narasipur, Nanjangud, H.D. Kote, Hunsur, Periyapatna and K.R. Nagar, as well as nine Community Health Centres in Bannur, Talakad, Jayapura, Jayanagar, Saligrama, Hullahalli, Tagadur, Saragur and Mugur across the district, will now offer round-the-clock snake bite treatment services.

Additionally, Dr. Kumaraswamy mentioned that in cases of severe snake bite incidents, patients would be referred to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru for further treatment.

Snake bite cases

From January 2022 to December 2022, Mysuru district reported a total of 183 snake bite cases. Among these, three cases occurred in Mysuru city, eight in Mysuru Rural, 43 in T. Narasipur, 19 in Nanjangud, 22 in H.D. Kote, 28 in Hunsur, 27 in Periyapatna, and 33 cases were reported in K.R. Nagar.

From January 2023 to December 2023, the district recorded 206 snake bite cases. Nine cases were reported in Mysuru City, 13 in Mysuru Rural, 35 in T. Narasipur, 23 in Nanjangud, 38 in H.D. Kote, 32 in Hunsur, 29 in Periyapatna and 27 snake bite cases were reported in K.R. Nagar.

Between January 2024 and February 2024, a total of 32 snake bite cases were reported in the district. Among these, one case was reported in Mysuru City, three in Mysuru Rural, three in T. Narasipur, three in Nanjangud, six in H.D. Kote, four in Hunsur, five in Periyapatna and seven snake bite cases were reported in K.R. Nagar.

National Pulse Polio

Vaccination Drive launched

2,25,629 children vaccinated on Day-1

Mysuru, Mar. 4 (MTY, PM &VNS)- Children should be administered with pulse polio vaccination to prevent them from becoming physically challenged said Social Welfare and District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, here yesterday.

He was speaking after inaugurating the four-day National Pulse Polio Vaccination drive jointly organised by District Administration, Zilla Panchayat and Department of Health and Family Welfare at STM Hospital on JLB Road.

"The pulse polio drive has been organised nation-wide to prevent children below the age of 5 years from suffering physical disabilities. Parents should ensure their children are vaccinated against polio to help them in their endeavour to pursue quality education without major health issues," he added.

Minister Mahadevappa also distributed wheelchairs, MR Kits to physically challenged children and laptops to the wards of the construction workers on the occasion.

District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, who spoke on the occasion, said that pulse polio drive has been taken up effectively in country since six cases were reported each in neighbouring Pakistan and Afghanistan and one case was reported in India on Nov. 3, 2007 from a migrant group and the last case detected was in 2011. Since, then not a single case has been reported in the country.

In an effort to continue India as a Polio Free Country, a nation-wide vaccination drive is being carried out in the first phase during which a total of 2,31,354 children within the age group of 5 years will be administered polio drops in the district.

"A total of 88,844 children will be administered vaccination in Mysuru City, 27,112 in Mysuru Taluk, 19,080 in T. Narasipur, 23,813 in Nanjangud, 19,309 in H.D. Kote, 18,286 in Hunsur, 17,878 in Periyapatna and 17,032 in K.R. Nagar", he added.

The department had opened a total of 1,612 booths, 29 transit booths to administer vaccination for children on the Day-1. A total of 316 supervisors and 6,564 staff members administered the vaccination yesterday. Meanwhile, the staff members will be visiting about 7,21,471 houses on 2nd, 3rd and 4th day in the district to ensure that all children below 5 years are given vaccination.

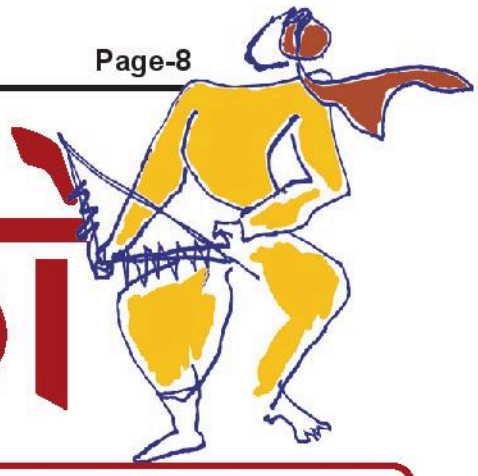
MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, ZP CEO K.M. Gayathri, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC and RI) Dean and Director Dr.K.R. Dakshayini, District RCH officer Dr. M.S. Jayanth, Nodal Officer Dr. Vasanth and CHO Dr. Venkatesh were present.

Mysuru achieves 97.53% progress

Mysuru district achieved a progress of 97.53 percent during the pulse polio drive organised yesterday. The Department of Health and Family Welfare has successfully administered vaccination to 2,25,629 children out of the 2,31,354 targeted children.

Out of the 88,844 children in Mysuru City, a total of 85,945 children were vaccinated. Similarly, 26,295 children were vaccinated in Mysuru Taluk (target 27,112); T. Narasipur – 18,929 (target 19,080); Nanjangud – 23,035 (target 23,813); Hunsur – 18,106 (target 18,286); H.D. Kote – 18,455 (target 19,309); Periyapatna – 17,684 (target – 17,878); K.R. Nagar – 17,180 (target 17,032).

Rangayana all set for this year's bahuroopi



By S.N. Venkatnag Sobers

Following the ideology of 12th Century reformer and visionary, Mysuru's theatre repertory Rangayana will be hosting its 20th edition of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival based on the topic 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava' from March 6 to 11. The Theatre Festival has been treating theatre buffs from all over the country since 2001 when it began as 'AKKA' Festival when noted theatre director Prasanna held the reins of Rangayana. Later, it was renamed as **'BAHUROOPI.'**

Though the Festival was not organised in 2002, Bahuroopi was successfully held every year since 2003 before it was given a break for two years in 2020 and 2021 owing the COVID-19 outbreak. However, the National Theatre Festival returned with its past glory during March, 2022 with the theme 'Taayi' (Mother) followed by another edition in the month of December, 2022 under the theme 'Bharateeyate' (Indianness) with an aim to strengthen nationalism and create awareness to the new generation about the history, culture and patriotic fervour of India.

Previously, Rangayana has organised various editions of the National Theatre Festival with different themes focusing on Women Issues, Agriculture, Folk Culture, Tribal Culture, Desi Culture, Rabindranath Tagore, Jnanpith Awardees from Karnataka, Shakespeare, Sufi Culture, Water, Abhiyakthi among others. The Festival has also witnessed theatre groups from Sri Lanka, England, Bangladesh and Poland performing on the main stage when it was organised as a Multi-lingual International Theatre Festival during 2018.

This year, the Bahuroopi Theatre Festival is being organised with theme 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava' with vision to promote the idea of egalitarian society. **The Theatre Fest will be inaugurated by renowned lyricist Jayanth Kaikini at Vanaranga on Mar. 7 at 4.30 pm.** District in-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will inaugurate the Books and Handicrafts Exhibition. Minister for Kannada and Culture Shivaraj S. Tangadagi will release the souvenir. Painting Exhibition will be inaugurated by MP Prathap Simha. Department of Kannada and Culture Secretary Dr. N. Manjula will unveil 'Vachanantaranga,' a special painting exhibits of artiste Shivalingappa based on the Basavanna's vachanas. The display of historical documents will be inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra. Department of Kannada and Culture Commissioner Dr. K. Dharanidevi Malagatti will be the chief guest. Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda will preside over the event. Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Rangayana Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati and Bahuroopi-2024 Co-ordinator Prof. H.S. Umesh will be present.

Renowned folk artiste Dr. Malavalli Mahadevaswamy will inaugurate Janapada Sambhrama on Mar. 6 at Kindarijogi premises at 5.30 pm. Folklorist Dr. Jayalakshmi Seethapura will be the chief guest.

Bahuroopi Film Festival will be inaugurated by International Wildlife Photographer Dr. Lokesh Mosale at Sriranga auditorium on Mar. 7 at 10.30 am followed by a keynote address by Film Festival Convenor K. Manu.

Two-day National Symposium on 'Vachana Sahitya and Theatre' is also organised on Mar. 9 and 10 at B.V. Karantha Ranga Chavadi. The Symposium will be inaugurated by poet and thinker H.S. Shivaprakash on Mar. 9 at 10 am. Writer O.L. Nagabhushana Swamy will chair. Senior Poet Prof. S.G. Siddaramaiah will deliver the valedictory address on Mar. 10 at 4 pm.

The two-day event will feature deliberations on topics such as 'Contemporary Interpretation of Vachana Movement', 'Vachana Movement and Gender Equality', Vachana Movement and Kannada Theatre', 'Philosophy, Technology and its Cultural Impact', 'Theatre and Technology' and 'Contemporary Theatre towards Community.'

This year's National Theatre Festival features a total of 17 plays including 10 Kannada and one Tulu play and six of other languages like Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Manipuri, Bengali from other States namely Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Manipur. Rangayana received a total of 119 applications out of which the screening committee selected 17 plays.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival has been an event not only for theatre buffs to enjoy some of the best selected plays but also to others to get introduced to our rich theatre culture which has travelled across many decades spreading the essence of various traditions followed across the world. Apart from plays, visitors will also get to taste some delicacies, purchase books from various publications and to buy traditional and local attires belonging to various places.

EVENTS

KINDARIJOGI 5.30 PM

MARCH 6 (WEDNESDAY)

Jogati Nruthya	:	Jeevana Belaku Kala Tanda, Rona, Gadag
Geegee Pada	:	Jaibheem Gegee Kala Tanda, Neelagunda, Gadag

MARCH 7 (THURSDAY)

Dhangari Gaja	:	Syappa Bandgar & Troupe, Maharashtra
Gudum Baja	:	Mayaram Dhurwey & Troupe, Madhya Pradesh
Chande Vadana	:	Guru and Troupe, Mysuru
Kamsale	:	Nagaraju & Troupe, Mangala village, Chamarajanagar
Nadaswara	:	Radhamma and Troupe, Vagarahalli, Channarayapatna
Gaarudi Gombe	:	Jayaram & Troupe, Boranakoppalu, Arasikere

MARCH 8 (FRIDAY)

Veeragase	:	Basavajyothi Mahila Veeragaase Kala Tanda, Chikkamagaluru
Mahila Puja Kunita	:	Keerthana, Kyataghatta Post, Maddur

MARCH 9 (SATURDAY)

Dollu Kunita	:	K.M. Annappa & Troupe, Hadagalu, Kadur
Pata Kunita	:	Ravi and Troupe, Kadalagere village, Pandavapura

MARCH 10 (SUNDAY)

Koragara Dolu	:	Babu Koraga and Troupe, Pambur, Udupi
Goravara Kunita	:	Rajashekhara and Troupe, Ramasamudra, Chamarajanagar

MARCH 11 (MONDAY)

Karaga Kolata	:	Punith and Troupe, Udyavara, Udupi
Kangilu	:	Sugipu Janapada Kala Tanda, Bangle Gudde, Sullia

VANARANGA 7 PM

MARCH 6 (WEDNESDAY)

Special Programme	:	Vachana Gayana by Ramachandra Hadapada and Troupe, Mysuru

B.V. KARANTHA RANGA CAHAVADI 4 PM TO 5 PM

MARCH 8 (FRIDAY)

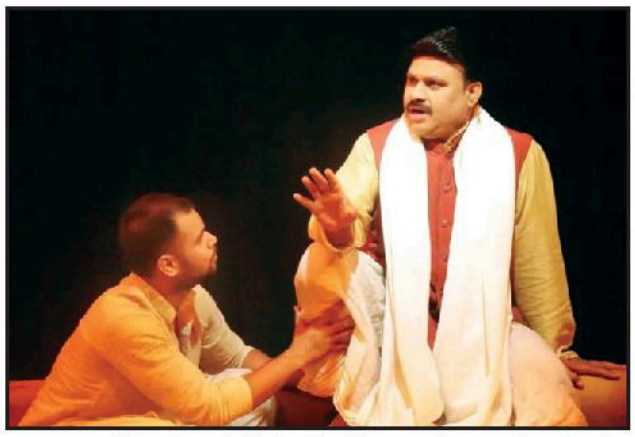
Vachana Concert	:	Veerabhadraiah and Troupe, Mysuru

MARCH 11 (MONDAY)

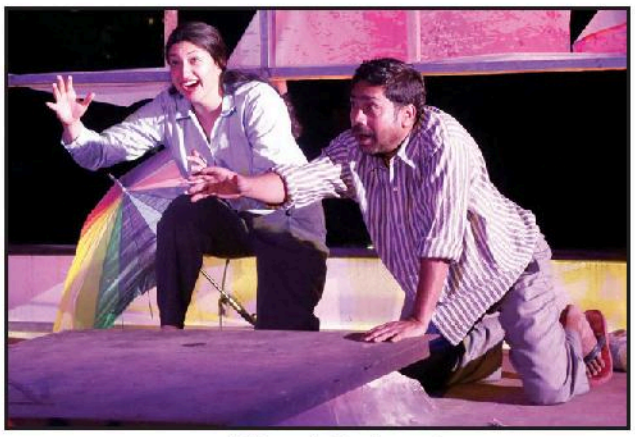
Elekoralu Ulidave Kela	:	Students of Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra, Rangayana, Mysuru

Plays at National Theatre Festival

DATE / DAY	KIRURANGAMANDIRA 6 pm	BHOOMIGEETA 6.30 pm	VANARANGA 7 pm	KALAMANDIRA 7.30 pm
MARCH 7 (Thursday)	**Lokada Olahorage** (Kannada) Troupe : Rangasampada, Bengaluru Original : Rabindranath Tagore Design, Adaptation and Direction : B. Suresh	**Muttisikondavanu** (Kannada) Troupe : Rangayana Repertory, Mysuru Story : P. Lankesh Adaptation and Direction : K.R. Nandini	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	**Shishunala Shareefa** (Kannada) Troupe : *Padma Shri* Chindodi Leela's K.B.R. Drama Company, Davanagere Direction : Chindodi L. Chandradhara
MARCH 8 (Friday)	**Dropati Heltavle** (Kannada) Troupe : Rangasthe, Bengaluru Original : Kumaravyasa Bharata & Janapada Mahabharata Direction : Ganesh Mandarthi	**Dukhwa Mein Beetal Ratiya** (Hindi) Troupe : Kamla Shankar Dhanwanti Devi Foundation, UP Story : Rameshwar Upadyay Adaptation : Lalit Simha Pokhariya Direction : Prasoon Narain Srivastava	**Seetheya Vyathe** (Kannada) Yakshagana Prasanga Troupe : Theatre Yaksha, Udupi. Direction : Pruthviraj Kavattaru	**Kalyanada Bagilu** (Kannada) Troupe : Sri Shivakumara Kala Sangha, Sanehalli Playwright : Dr. S. Nataraja Budalu Direction : C. Basavalingaiah
MARCH 9 (Saturday)	**Glani** (Kannada) Troupe : Udaya Kalavidaru, Sagara Playwright : G.S. Bhat Direction : Chidambara Rao Jambe	**Jump** (Multilingual) Troupe : Collective Madness Studios, Mumbai Playwright and Direction : Maneesh Sharma	**Khatara** (Marathi) Troupe : Aapla Ghar, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra Playwright and Direction : Amol Devidas Salve	**Chavundaraya** (Kannada) Troupe : Sri Gajanana Yuvaka Mandali, Sheshagiri Playwright : Jayaram Rayapura Direction : H.K. Shwetharani
MARCH 10 (Sunday)	**Black Out** (Kannada) Troupe : Rangasiri Production, Bengaluru Playwright : G.V. Shivananda Direction : S. Sandeep Pai	**Kittankhola** (Bengali) Troupe : Thakurpukur Ichhey-moto, Kolkata. Playwright : Selim Al Deen Direction : Saurav Palodhi	**Kariya Devara Huduki** (Kannada) Troupe : Samudaya, Bengaluru Original : Prof. G. Shankar Pillai Translation : Na. Damodara Shetty Direction : Niranjana Khalikoda	**Chillara Samaram** (Malayalam) Troupe : Little Earth School of Theatre, Kerala Playwright : M.P. Rajesh Direction : Arun Lal
MARCH 11 (Monday)	**Paarshwa Sangeetha** (Kannada) Troupe : Rangavalli, Mysuru Original : Srinivasa Vaidya Adaptation : B.P. Arun Music, Concept and Direction : Prashant Hiremath	**Aboriginal Cry** (Non Verbal) Troupe : Akhoka Theater, Imphal, Manipur. Concept, Design and Direction : Thoudam Victor Singh	**Beralge Koral** (Kannada) Troupe : Nalwadi Social, Cultural & Educational Trust, Mysuru Playwright : Kuvempu Direction : Dinesh Chammalige	**Kathe Eddendu** (Tulu) Troupe : Sharada Arts Kalavidaru, Manjeshwara, Kasaragod Playwright and Direction : J.P. Tuminadu



A scene from the Hindi play 'Dukhwa Mein Beetal Ratiya.'



Multilingual play 'Jump.'

Bengali play 'Kittankhola.'

Bahuroopi Film Festival at Sriranga

	10.30 am to 12 noon	12.00 noon to 1.30 pm	2.00 pm to 4.30 pm
MARCH 7 (Thursday)	**Adhya Vachanakararu** (Kannada) **Basavanna** (Kannada) Dir: Veerappa Maralavadi	**Jonathan Livingston Seagull** (English) Dir: Hall Bartlett	**Into the White** (English) Dir: Petter Naess
MARCH 8 (Friday)	**Akka Mahadevi** (Kannada) **Vachanakarthiyaru** (Kannada) Dir: Veerappa Maralavadi	**The Babushkas of Chernobyl** (English) Dir: Holly Morris, Anne Bogart	**Gejje Pooje** (Kannada) Dir: Puttanna Kanagal
MARCH 9 (Saturday)	**Gaza** (2019, English) Dir: Garry Keane, Andrew McConnell	**After Selma** (2019, English) Dir: Loki Mulholland	**Etz Limon** (Arabic/Hebrew) Dir: Eran Riklis
MARCH 10 (Sunday)	**Cave of Forgotten Dreams** (English) Dir: Werner Herzog, Germany	**500 Years Later** (English) Dir: Owen Alik Shahadah	**The Help** (English) Dir: Tate Taylor
MARCH 11 (Monday)	**My Octopus Teacher** (English) Dir: Pippa Ehrlich & James Reed	**A Beautiful day in the Neighbourhood** (English) Dir: Marielle Heller	**Arjuna** (Kannada) Dir: Rangayana Sridhar

Non-Verbal play 'Aboriginal Cry.'

Malayalam play 'Chillara Samaram.'

WORD OF THE DAY

Inveterate

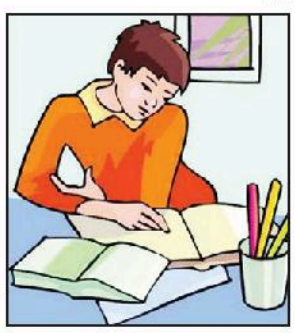
Pronunciation: in-VET-uh-rut (Adjective)
Meaning: Inveterate is a formal word used to describe someone who is always or often doing something specified. For instance, a person could be an inveterate liar, or inveterate prankster. Inveterate can also mean "firmly established by long persistence," as in "an inveterate tendency to overlook the obvious.
Origin: Despite how it may seem at first glance, inveterate has nothing to do with lacking a spine. That's invertebrate, which came into English in the early 19th century from New Latin, the Latin vocabulary used in scientific description and classification. Inveterate, on the other hand, is a true veteran of the English language, with a membership card dating to the 15th century. Like veteran, inveterate ultimately comes from the Latin adjective vetus, which means "old" (In times past, inveterate had among its meanings "old"). The more direct source of inveterate, however, is the Latin adjective inveteratus, with which it shares the meaning "firmly established by long persistence." Today inveterate most often describes someone who so frequently or invariably engages in a particular habit or attitude as to be regularly identified with that habit or attitude, as when political columnist Jamelle Bouie observed "The truth is that our best presidents — or at least our most successful ones — have been inveterate flip-floppers, willing to break from unpopular positions, move with political winds, and adjust to new complications."
Example: She's an inveterate traveller who constantly searches for flight deals to her next destination.

THE ODD WORD

Taffeta
Thin glossy silk

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hit the Books



Meaning: To study.
Origin: In this phrase, hit means to start or to begin. Although no one knows the origin of the idiom "hit the books", it seems to be related to early idioms such as "hit the trail," which cowboys used when starting out on a journey. It's clear that this saying is a fairy contemporary one, probably from the mid-20th century.
Example: "Danny was in danger of failing, so before his last math test he left the show early to go home and hit the books."

QUOTE BOX

When one paints an ideal, one does not need to limit one's imagination.
—Ellen Key

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Green with envy.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Broadband provider
4 Officers Training School, acronym
7 Part of speech, in short
10 The Old Man and The ___ : Ernest Hemingway's famous novel?
11 "Exodus" author
13 Price of a ride
14 Vacillate
16 African antelope
17 Louder
19 Mystifying
21 Desmond's pet name?
24 Nobel Prize winning US physicist
25 Closest
27 Encroach on
29 Alluvial deposit
30 Give notice to
33 Rounded lump
34 Vane directions ?
35 Balderdash
38 Lack of success
39 Decorate anew
42 Shivaji and his descendants?
46 Essence
47 Rambling story
48 Rock musician Brian
49 ___ blood : ill-feeling ?
50 Short for 'manuscripts'
51 Purulence ?

DOWN
1 Common language suffix
2 Discern or observe
3 Step in ballet
4 Excluded from (3,2)
5 ____ - blazer : a pioneer?
6 Attends or takes part as a visitor? (4,2)
7 ___ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
8 Lacking moisture
9 Bother
12 Fishing net
13 In place of
15 Weak and enfeebled because of prolonged sickness or old age
18 A slang word uttered in amazement or surprise
19 A wash bowl
20 Treat badly
21 ____ Street : Perry Mason's secretary
22 Prevent by means of a legal order or authority
23 Pierce with pointed weapon
24 Ill-mannered
26 Rue
28 Unit of type size?
31 Wet and dirty, in a way?
32 Salutation in Indian or Middle Eastern manner?
36 Cat's sounds of pleasure
37 Across as an abbreviation, as in ___- Atlantic Flight?
38 As sly as a ___ ?
39 Kohli's IPL side
40 Period of time
41 Flop
43 With it
44 Music director Malik
45 Distress signal

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	A	T	■	■	J	A	M	■	R	O	B	E
S	S	R	■	■	O	N	E	■	E	T	A	S
C	H	I	P	S	H	O	T	■	F	O	E	S
■	■	C	H	A	N	D	E	L	I	E	R	■
C	L	Y	D	E	■	E	O	I	N	■	■	■
T	I	C	■	■	■	R	E	E	L	S	■	■
O	N	L	O	A	N	■	S	U	D	O	K	U
■	T	E	M	P	O	■	■	■	B	I	T	■
■	■	■	N	E	S	S	■	A	I	S	N	E
■	A	R	I	S	T	O	C	R	A	T	■	■
S	N	U	B	■	R	A	R	E	N	E	S	S
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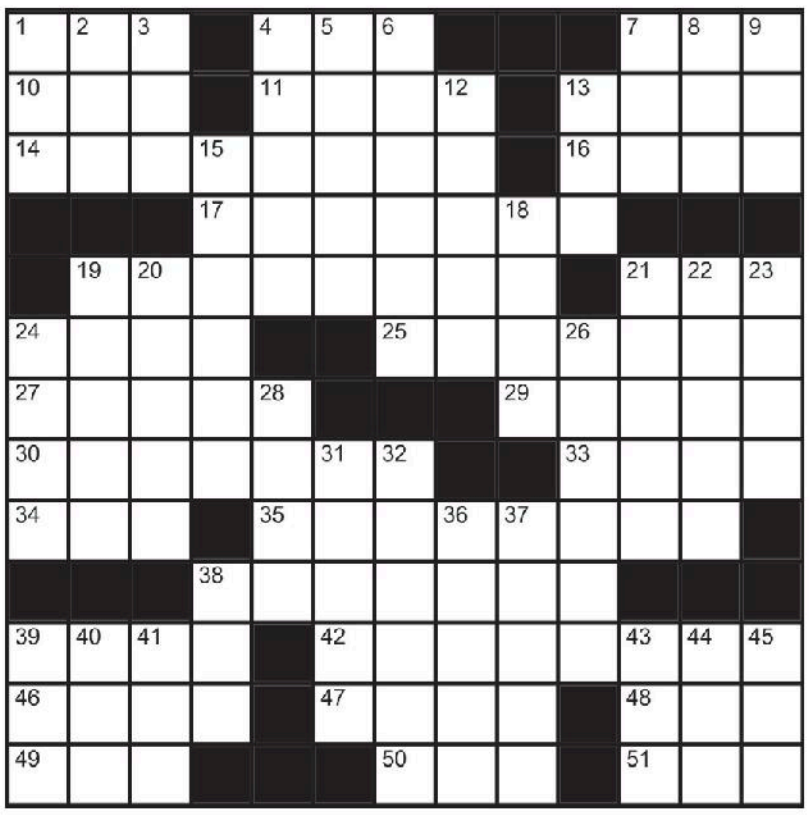

SUDOKU

9						8		5
	4						7	
3			1		9			
		9	4	2	8	6		
			3		6			
		5	7	9	1	3		
			6		4			3
	2						1	
1		4						8

Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	1	7	5	8	4	6	9
8	9	4	2	1	6	7	3	5
6	5	7	4	9	3	2	8	1
3	7	6	9	8	1	5	2	4
1	4	8	3	2	5	6	9	7
9	2	5	6	7	4	3	1	8
4	6	9	8	3	7	1	5	2
7	1	2	5	6	9	8	4	3
5	8	3	1	4	2	9	7	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VTGP FTGCG JY PS HGCJN JP FTG IJBTF

FTGCG JY PS BNSCL JP FTG FCJWEHT.

TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'm an idealist. I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way.

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Chaari 111 (Te)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Dune: Part Two (E)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 10.25 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 7.20 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am, 9.45 pm
Jugalbandi (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Manjumale (Ma)	(S-2)	10.00 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.05

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Namo Bharath (K)	:	10.45 am
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.55 am, 1.30 pm, 4.05 pm
		6.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Jugalbandi -2024 (K)	:	1.25 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.25 pm
Purushothamana Prasanga (K)	:	4.05 pm, 9.15 pm
Kreem (K)	:	4.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Shakhahaari (K)	:	6.30 pm
For Regn. (K)	:	6.35 pm

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Article 370 (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7 pm, 10.20 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	9.45 am, 3.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Operation Valentine (H)	:	6.35 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.20 am, 1.25 pm, 7.25 pm
Laapataa Ladies (H)	:	10.35 am, 4.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	11.55 am
Dune: Part Two (E)	:	12 noon, 3.30 pm, 7 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	12.40 pm
Joshua: Imai Pol Kaakha (Ta)	:	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	3.05 pm
Varanam Aayiram (Ta)	:	3.40 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	4.30 pm
Kreem (K)	:	6.55 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Dune: Part Two (E)	:	8.30 am, 12 noon, 3.30 pm
		7 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	11.40 am, 3 pm
		6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.00 pm, 10.00 pm

Winners of MCICT Men's Wrestling Overall Championship

SBRR Mahajana First Grade College won the Men's Wrestling Overall Championship of Mysore City Inter-Collegiate Tournament (MCICT) 2023-24 with 16 points. The Tournament was organised by the Department of Physical Education, SBRR Mahajana FGC, Mysuru. Seen in the picture are *(standing from left)* ***K. Sachin, Lalu Prasad, S. Manchanna and Mohan Kumar Dare;*** *(sitting from left)* ***P.S. Madhusudhana, Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal, Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, MES, Dr. S.R. Ramesh, CEO and Dr. H.N. Bhaskar, PE Director.***

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 4)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Mahasabha:** Inauguration of Sri Lakshminarasimha Dharmashala and Veda Pathashala, 'Prahlada Bhakti' Gamaka Vaachana by Dharitri Ananda Rao and Vyaakhyana by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, **6.30 pm;** Dance feature 'Sri Lakshminrusimha Kathamrutha' by Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra and troupe, CA-5, SBM Colony, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **7.30 pm.**
- **The Cosmology Education and Research Training Centre (COSMOS), Mysuru, Indian Institute of Astrophysics and University of Mysore (UoM):** National Science Day celebrations, Jupiter and Sky Watch Event, Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **6.45 pm to 8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 5)

- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddhachar Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Vivekanandanagar Brahmana Mahasabha:** Inauguration of Sri Lakshminarasimha Dharmashala and Veda Pathashala, 'Laya Lahari,' special musical ensemble by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy and team, **6.30 pm;** Devotional songs by M.H. Venkatesh and team, CA-5, SBM Colony, Srirampura 2nd Stage, **8 pm.**
- **ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) - Mysuru Branch (Southern India Regional Council/ SIRC):** Study Circle Meeting to discuss implication of Income Tax amendment relating to delayed payments to Micro & Small entities, Rotary Centre, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: +91-82125-98000]

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Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-4)	3.05 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Kreem (K)	(S-2)	4.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dune - Part Two (E)	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.20 pm
	(S-1)	3.30 pm, 7 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	(S-1)	9.55 am; (S-2) 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	12 noon
Laapataa Ladies (H)	(S-1)	12.45 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 7.25 pm

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Dune: Part Two (E)	:	8.30 am, 12 noon, 3.30 pm
		7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Operation Valentine (Te)	:	10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 7.05 pm
Article 370 (H)	:	11.40 am, 3 pm, 6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4 pm, 10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

TODAY'S MATCH (MARCH 4)

UP WARRIORZ Vs Royal Challengers

UPW Vs RCB
M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru - **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (MARCH 5)

DELHI CAPITALS Vs MUMBAI INDIANS

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